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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of Documents A1 and A5 is described in the present specification.

An English translation of Document A5 is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP §609). An English language abstract is attached. Document A5 is a foreign counterpart to Document A2.

Documents A2 – A4 and A6 were cited in the International Search Report in Applicants' International Application No. PCT/EP00/05157. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A1	5,207,807	05/04/1993	Manfré et al.	55	269	
	A2	5,557,923	09/24/1996	Bolt et al.	60	274	
	A3	5,873,918	02/23/1999	Dillman et al.	55	282.3	
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	A4	0 358 522	03/14/1990	EPO			
	A5	0 650 551	01/10/1996	EPO			abstract
	A6	0 764 455	03/26/1997	EPO			
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